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SUBJECT; NARCOTICS: AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SEIZED TRANSITTING

CANNABIS THROUGH MOSCOW. POSSIBLE US DESTINATION

1. AUSTRALIAN CONSOFF 19 FEBRUARY ADVISED CONSOFF AND EMB
NARCOTICS COORDINATOR THAT SOVIET CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES HAD
18 FEBRUARY DETAINED AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL WAYNE MELVILLE
CONNEL, 26 YOA. CONNEL, WHO WAS TRANSITTING MOSCOW
FROM BANGKOK TO ROME, WAS CARRYING 7.39 KG. OF YELLOW
BRICK "NARCOTIC" (APPARENTLY MARIJUANA OR HASHISH), WHICH WAS
SEIZED BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES.

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2. CONNEL, WHOSE PASSPORT CARRIES FOUR-YEAR MULTIPLE-ENTRY B-2 VISA ISSUED 8 JUNE 1975 (BANGKOK) HAS BEEN RELEASED AND DEPARTS MOSCOW 1850 HOURS 19 FEBRUARY FOR ROME ON SU 584.

3. CONNEL TOLD AUSTRALIAN CONSOFF THAT HE HAD RECEIVED VALISE IN BANGKOK FROM AMCIT PHILLIP MARTIN, WHO HAD AGREED TO MEET CONNEL IN ROME. ACCORDING TO CONNEL, MARTIN IS 5'11", HAS DARK FEATURES, AND IS ABOUT 26 YOA.

4. AUSTRALIAN CONSOFF REPORTED THAT (A) SOVIET INTERNAL AFFAIRS MAJOR HAD SAID THAT CONNEL HAD ONCE PREVIOUSLY TRANSITTED MOSCOW; AND (B) THAT CONNEL HAS TRAVELLED EXTENSIVELY OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS IN SE ASIA AND HAS JOURNEYED SEVERAL TIMES TO LONDON AND AMSTERDAM. AUSTRALIANS, THEREFORE, VIEW WITH SKEPTICISM CONNEL'S CLAIM THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW CONTENTS OF VALISE AND BELIEVE HE COULD BE PROFESSIONAL COURIER. AUSTRALIANS BELIEVE CONNEL MAY "BOLT" FOR US FROM ROME.

5. COMMENT: THIS IS SOLERECENT CASE OF DRUG TRANSITTING THROUGH MOSCOW WHICH HAS COME TO EMBASSY'S ATTENTION. STOESEL

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